

SENATE BILL 3483

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 13, relative to charter school facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-104(8), is amended by deleting the second sentence of the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-135, is amended by adding at the end of the section the following sentence:

A lease, lease-purchase agreement, or other contract or agreement between the LEA and a charter school for the use of vacant property, whether improved or unimproved, shall not require payment by the charter school of more than the costs of ongoing maintenance that would be incurred by the LEA for upkeep of the property.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-136(c)(1), is amended by deleting the language "all underutilized and vacant properties owned or operated by the LEA" and by substituting instead the language "all underutilized and vacant properties owned or operated by the LEA, including vacant land,".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-13-____. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, whenever a county or municipality, or a county and a municipality as tenants in common, purchase at a tax sale and take possession of property suitable for school purposes, then, after the expiration of the two-year period of redemption, in lieu of the sale of the property to private purchasers, the proper officers of the county or municipality may convey the property to a public charter school; provided, that the school certifies to such officers that the property is to be used for its school purposes.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.